Supasai Vongkulbhisal, Ph.D., Assistant Professor (Tenure-track)

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Education

2022	Ph.D. in the Built Environment in History, Theory, and Representation, University of Washington, Seattle, WA
	Graduate Certificate in Urban Design, University of Washington, Seattle, WA
2016	M.Sc. in Architecture in History and Theory, University of Washington, Seattle, WA
2012	M.Arch II (Post-professional) in Architectural Design, The University of Texas at Austin, Austin, TX
2008	B.Arch (1st-class Honors), Silpakorn University, Faculty of Architecture, Bangkok, Thailand

Research Interests

Modern and Postmodern Architecture; Colonial, Crypto-colonial, and Postcolonial Theories; Regionalism and the Vernacular; Southeast Asian Architecture and Urbanism; Southeast Asian Studies; Thai Studies

Academic Appointments

2024- Assistant Professor (Tenure-track), College of Architecture, University of Nebraska-Lincoln, Lincoln, NE

2023-24 Adjunct Professor, International Program in Design and Architecture (INDA), Chulalongkorn University, Bangkok, Thailand

2022 Lecturer of Record, College of Built Environments, University of Washington, Seattle, WA

2018-21 Pre-Doctoral Teaching Associate, College of Built Environments, University of Washington, Seattle, WA

2018 Pre-Doctoral Lecturer, The Asian Languages and Literature, University of Washington, Seattle, WA

2014-20 Graduate Student Assistant, Department of Architecture, University of Washington, Seattle, WA

Teaching Experience

At UNL ARCH 592, Situating Modern Vernacular: Climate, Identity, and Architectural Adaptations (Graduate Seminar)

ARCH 511, Advanced Architectural Design-Research Studio (Graduate Design Studio)

ARCH 240, Architecture History and Theory I

ARCH 210, Architectural Design Studio: Representation (2nd-year Design Studio)

At INDA 2541161, Experiencing Architecture

2541224, History of Southeast Asian Architecture

2541131, Introduction to Environmental Design

2541311 and 2541312, Architectural Design II and III (3rd-year Design Studio)

At UW BE 220, Cities, Health, and Well-being

BE 200, Intro to Built Environments: Seattle on Foot

BE 211, A Global History of the Built Environments II

ARCH 151, Appreciation of Architecture II (worked as Graduate Student Assistant)

ARCH 150, Appreciation of Architecture I (worked as Graduate Student Assistant)

URBDP 507, Nehemiah Initiative, Central District: Anti-Displacement Community Development (Urban Design and Planning Studio; worked as Graduate Student Assistant)

THAI 212 and 213, Intermediate Thai

Professional Experience

2022-23 Project Lead, Magnolia Quality Developments Corp. (MQDC), Bangkok

2022 Architectural Designer, 5ft2 Studio Architects, Bellevue, WA

2020 Architectural Design Consultant (part-time), Magnolia Quality Developments Corp. (MQDC), Bangkok, Thailand

2018 Researcher (contract), Think Solutions Consultant, Bangkok, Thailand

2016 Architectural Design Intern, Archive Studio, Bangkok, Thailand

2015 Architectural Design Intern, wHY Architects, New York City, NY

2014 Architectural Design Intern, Solid Objective Idenburg Liu (SO-IL), Brooklyn, NY

2013-14 Design Subject Specialist, Thailand Creative and Design Center (TCDC), Bangkok, Thailand

Contributing Writer, Creative Thailand Magazine, TCDC, Bangkok Thailand

2012 Architect, Tierra Design (Thailand), Bangkok, Thailand

Architectural Design Intern, Buro Ole Scheeren, Beijing, China

2010- Contributing Writer, Art4d Magazine, Corporation4d, Bangkok, Thailand

2009-10 Junior Architect, Architects 49, Bangkok, Thailand

Professional License

2008- Registered Architect (license no.13029), The Architect Council of Thailand (ACT)

Selected Academic Publications and Presentations

- 2025 "Architectural Autonomy and Power: Western Influence and Neo-Colonialism in Modern Thai Architecture." Paper presented at the Association of Southeast Asian Studies (ASEAS) for issues of Global Southeast Asia: Continuity and Change, Cambridge, UK, September 15-17.
 - "Built to Rule: Western Architectural Influence and Elite Autonomy in Thailand." Paper presented at the 5th Italian Association of Southeast Asian Studies (ITASEAS) International Conference, Turin, Italy, June 4-6.
- 2024 "Ambiguity in Modern Thai Architecture: Exploring Cultural Hybridity Discourse through an Architectural Lens." Paper presented at College Art Association (CAA) for issues of Comparative Studies of Modern Colonial Architecture, Chicago, IL, February 14-17.
- 2022 "'Subordination' in Modern Thai Architecture, 1960s-1980s: Case Studies of Crypto-colonialism." In Proceedings of ConCave Ph.D. Symposium, Divergence in Architectural Research, 191-206. Atlanta, GA: Georgia Institute of Technology, School of Architecture.
 - "Than-Samai in Modern Thai Architecture: Case Studies of Crypto-Colonialism." Paper presented at Creative Economy Agency for Design Research Day, Bangkok, Thailand, February 10.
- 2020 "Crypto-Colonialism and Culture in Modern Thai Architecture." Paper presented at Empowering Network for International Thai Studies (ENITS & ENITAS) Presentation 2020, Bangkok, Thailand, August 26-27.
- 2019 "Works of Ongard Satrabhandhu and Le Corbusier: Evidence of Crypto-Colonialism in Thailand." Paper presented at European Association for Southeast Asian Studies (EuroSEAS) for issues of (Re)assembling the Moments of Thai-European Encounters in History, Berlin, Germany, September 10-13.
- 2017 "Ethical Relativism and Critical Regionalism: An Ethical Viewpoint on the non-Western Architectural Professions," Nakara: Journal of Environmental Design and Planning 13 (2017): 89-98.
- 2016 "Practicality of Modernism on Tropical Ground: A Direct Assimilation of Le Corbusier in Thailand." Paper presented at University of Washington, Department of Architecture, for John Morse Graduate Fellowship Endowment for International Travel Presentation, April 30.
- 2015 "Layering Modernity: Le Corbusier and His 'Plan Obus' planning on Algiers," *Najua: Architectural History and Thai Architecture* 12 (2015): 288-311.

Selected Awards, Honors, and Grants

- 2025 MIT Department of Architecture Summer Teaching Workshop: Global Environmental History, MIT HTC, Cambridge, MA
- 2024- Douglass Architecture Professorship, College of Architecture, University of Nebraska-Lincoln, Lincoln, NE
- 2020 ENITS Scholarship, The Institute of Thai Studies, Chulalongkorn University, Bangkok, Thailand
- 2019 Chester Fritz International Research Fellowship, Graduate School, University of Washington, Seattle, WA Dean's Dissertation Research Grant, College of Built Environments, University of Washington, Seattle, WA
- 2016 Richard A. Nellis and Julia L. Nellis Endowed Scholarship Fund, College of Built Environments, University of Washington, Seattle, WA
 - CBE PhD Program Fellowship, College of Built Environments, University of Washington, Seattle, WA
- John Morse Graduate Fellowship Endowment for International Travel, Department of Architecture, University of Washington, Seattle, WA
- 2014 Floyd A. Naramore Architectural Memorial Fund, NBBJ, Seattle, WA
 - CBE NRD Tuition-Waiver Scholarship, University of Washington, Department of Architecture, Seattle, WA
- 2010-12 Fulbright Open-Competition Scholarship, The Fulbright Program, The United States.
- 2007 Silpakorn University Honorary Award, Faculty of Architecture, Silpakorn University, Bangkok, Thailand
- 2003 Phra Phrom Phichit Medal for a student with the highest academic achievement, Faculty of Architecture, Silpakorn University, Bangkok, Thailand

Selected Services

- 2024- Member, Faculty Search Committee, College of Architecture, University of Nebraska-Lincoln Member, Student Affairs Committee (SAC), College of Architecture, University of Nebraska-Lincoln
- 2024 Chair of Steering Committee, ACT Talk 2024, The Architect Council of Thailand (ACT), Bangkok, Thailand.
- 2020-23 Invited Application Reviewer, Fulbright Thai Graduate Scholarship Program (TGS), Fulbright: Thailand-United States Educational Foundation, Bangkok, Thailand.